

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Oregon State Office
Salem District, Cascades Resource Area

DECISION RECORD

Quartzville Maintenance Shop Removal and Site Restoration
Environmental Assessment (EA) No.OR080-02-06

Sections 2 and 3 of
Township 12 South, Range 3East, Willamette Meridian.
Linn County, Oregon

A. Decision

Based on the analysis contained in the Environmental Assessment (No. OR080-02-06), and management direction contained in the Salem District Resource Management Plan (RMP), I have decided to implement this proposal as described in Alternative 2 of the EA, herein known as the “selected alternative”.

The selected alternative is for the United States (BLM) to dismantle and remove all facilities at the Quartzville Road Maintenance Shop and restoring the site to a more natural appearing condition. The project is expected to take place over a period of two to three years. During Phase 1 of the project, the contractor would dismantle the six buildings and all fencing; and remove all structures, improvements and other man made materials (e.g., all pipes, electrical wires, concrete and pavement, old culverts and associated materials) within the designated site, and blocking the site to motorized vehicles. The current surface should be maintained. No soil exposure is expected during Phase 1 of the project.

During Phase 2 of the project, the contractor would fill and re-contour the site to give it a more natural appearance, including sub-soiling and adding topsoil to the site, if necessary; plant the re-contoured area with native vegetation; and block the re-contoured area to all motorized vehicles.

The environmental assessment (EA) was completed, and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for this project was signed June 24, 2002. A copy of the EA and FONSI can be obtained from the Bureau of land Management (BLM), Salem District Office, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, OR, 97306. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., closed on holidays. These documents are also posted on the Salem BLM website at http://www.or.blm.gov/salem/html/planning/ea_tables/ea_tables.htm

B. Alternatives Considered

The alternatives considered in detail included the required “no action” alternative, and the proposed action alternative which initiated the environmental analysis process. Descriptions of the alternatives analyzed in detail are contained in the EA, pp 8-10.

C. Reasons For The Decision

Considering the content of the EA, supporting project record, and the management direction contained in the RMP, I have decided to implement the selected alternative, as previously described. My rationale for this decision follows:

The Quartzville Road Maintenance Shop administrative site is no longer used and is being abandoned. It is an older road maintenance facility that is unsightly and it falls within a Visual Resource Management (VRM) Class II category, which calls for managing BLM lands for low levels of change to the characteristic landscape. Currently the size and location of the road maintenance shop within the Riparian Reserve of Quartzville Creek does not comply with VRM Class II guidance. The road maintenance shop was most likely built before Visual Resource Management guidelines were implemented. This site, if left in place, could become a trouble spot on this corridor for vandalism. When the project is completed this will be an important feature of the area’s watershed restoration efforts in this drainage. In addition, this administrative site is within the Quartzville Wild and Scenic River Corridor. Removal of this site will have a beneficial effect on scenic driving, which is the dominant outstandingly remarkable value for this Wild and Scenic River.

D. Public Involvement, Comment Period, and Comments

In compliance with NEPA, the proposed action was listed in the April 2002 edition of the quarterly Salem District Project Update, which were mailed to over 1,000 addresses. No letters were received as a result of this scoping.

On June 28, 2002, the EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) were posted on the Salem District website. Also, on June 28, 2002, a legal notice requesting public comment to the EA and FONSI appeared in the Albany Democrat Herald newspaper. No comments were received during the EA comment period.

E. Implementation

Implementation of this decision may begin 30 calendar days after the public notice of the Decision Record appears in the *Albany Democrat Herald* newspaper.

F. Right To Appeal

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (Board), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) or 43 CFR 2804.1 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Board and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

G. Contact Person

For additional information concerning this decision, contact Carolyn Sands, Salem District Office, 1717 Fabry Road SE Salem, OR 97306; telephone (503) 315-5973.

Approved by: Richard C. Prather 6 AUG 2002
Richard C. Prather Date
Cascades Field Manager